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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training

SUBJECT : Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Seminar

1. On 13 & 14 October 1970 the Agency sponsored a presentation to over 500 Agency employees on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. This was arranged by OTR, and actually presented by two members of the BNDD. The audience reaction was mixed. Some considered the presentation very good, while a considerable number thought it vulgar, repetitious, poorly organized, and too long. The OMS felt that the speakers were out of their depth on the medical and social aspects of the problem.

2. In view of the above, it was suggested in a DDS staff meeting in November, that OTR should arrange for another presentation on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, to be conducted by Agency personnel. Accordingly, a schedule was drawn up and preliminary discussions held with Dr. [ ] OMS, and Mr. [ ] OS. (See attached schedule.) It was necessary to delay the target date until mid-April because [ ] the OMS specialist on narcotics, was scheduled for a series of TDYs until March, and Mr. [ ] will be occupied in the OFC until 9 April.

3. Much of the preparatory work for another presentation on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs has already been done. Since November, however, the public media, the BNDD, the various county police forces in the Washington suburbs, and many school, church and civic groups have all stepped up their attack on the

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drug problem. Any interested adult can get the information he needs from these sources on his own time if sufficiently interested. There is some question therefore, as to whether the Agency should conduct a seminar on drugs which is open to all, with consequent loss in work hours, and OTR's note in such a program. Perhaps it should be under the sole jurisdiction of OMS. It is suggested therefore, that these questions be raised at the next DDS staff meeting.

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